

The Southwestern Boundary.

The Indian Bureau is in receipt of a communication from A. H. Jones and H. M. Brown, who are now engaged in the survey of the boundary line between the Indian tribes in the Southwest, dated at Camp Radzinski, near the 100th meridian west longitude, Nov. 30th, 1888. The writers state they have a good observatory, and their instruments are in excellent order. They expect to winter at their present stopping place, as it will require fully three months constant observation to identify the initial point of the 100th meridian, which is an important object with them.

Their party is under the protection of Major Van Dorn and his command. They speak in the highest terms of this officer, and allude to his recent battle with the Comanches, on the Canadian river, as having been the severest and most successful ever received. They also pronounce the chastisement as being really merited, and assert that the Indians were the same gang who, under old Buffalo Hunt, have long been committing depredations in Western Texas, and who threatened the safety of Fort Arbuckle last summer, when the troops were mostly withdrawn from that post.

The hostile attitude of these same Indians has delayed the prosecution of the survey in which the writers of this letter are engaged at least three months; but through the efficient conduct of Major Van Dorn and his command, it is supposed that there does not now, nor will for some time to come, exist any danger of a new outbreak among them. They have entirely disappeared since the fight, but notwithstanding that Major Van Dorn has scouting parties out almost constantly, although the weather is inclement and the ground covered with snow a foot deep.

Major Van Dorn has entirely recovered from the wound he received in his fight with the Comanches, and the health of his command, as well as of the members of the surveying party, is excellent.—Wash. Star.

MARRIED.

On the 24th instant, by the Rev. A. G. Carothers, Mr. EDWARD MOULDER, of Montgomery county, Maryland, to Miss SARAH JANE HOWELL, of Washington.

On the 16th of November, ult., by the Rev. A. G. Carothers, Mr. CHARLES W. SPENCER, to Miss LIZZIE S. SMILES, both of Washington.

On Thursday, the 26th instant, at Fairfax, Montgomery county, Maryland, the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. E. A. Colburn, Mr. ALBERT MIDDLETON, of Washington, to Miss F. EUGENIA, youngest daughter of Dr. Washington Fuvall.

DIED.

At Grassland, the residence of her husband, on Thursday morning the 23d inst. Mrs. HANNAH TEBBS, wife of Col. Samuel J. Tebb, aged about 50 years. Thus has passed away another bright, pure, and lovely spirit, leaving a blank and a fearful void in many hearts that have known her long and loved her well. "The place that hath known her on earth, shall know her no more forever." But there will cluster around her cherished memory many fond recollections of her kind and generous nature; her sincere and sympathetic heart; and her unvarying friendship. Her happy spirit has gone to the God who made it, and we shall see her soon on earth. "She cannot come to us, but we may go to her," and while we mourn her loss, as wife, mother, and friend, may we emulate her virtues, and cherish the hope of again meeting her in those happy realms where virtues like hers are perennial, and happiness is never marred by trials and separations.

May God, in mercy, "temper the wind to the shrouning lamb," and through this mysterious visitation of His providence, speak peace to the crushed heart of her bereaved family and friends!

At his residence, near the University of Virginia, on Thursday the 23d day of December, 1888, at 6 o'clock, A. M., WM. THORNTON McCARTY, in the 58th year of his age.

In Washington, on the 25th instant, J. H. T. WERNER, in the 55th year of his age.

THE MOUNT VERNON PAPERS, by the Hon. Edward Everett, now ready in the New York Ledger, and for sale at GEORGE SIGGERS' Cheap Book and Periodical Store, 75, Prince street.

Harper's Magazine for January, is a splendid number, price 25c.

Frank Leslie's New Family Magazine and Gette of Fashion for January, 25c.

George's Lady's Book for January, 25c.

The Great Republic Monthly for January, 25c.

N. Y. Mercury, Weekly, Flag, Pictorial, Leslie's Paper, Harper's Weekly, Line-of-Battle Ship, and all the papers for the week at prices to suit the times.

LAND FOR SALE.—FOUR HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND is offered for sale in Fairfax county, Va., adjoining the thriving village of Accotink. It is in first rate timber and wood of original growth, which standing and clear of the timber, is a tract of land of the largest size. The Accotink and Mount Vernon Turnpike, which is now being built, runs through a portion of it, making it about eight miles from Alexandria. This land will be divided into lots of not less than a hundred acres, and any one wishing to purchase, will please address me at Accotink, Fairfax county, Va. F. CHICHESTER, Accotink, Fairfax county, Va. dec 29—notf

BANK OF THE OLD DOMINION, Alexandria, Dec. 29, 1888.

THIS BANK will be closed on Saturday, 1st of January, New Year's Day. Paper maturing on the 1st and 2nd of January, must be attended to on Friday, 31st inst. By order: dec 29—3t JAS. MCKENZIE, Cashier.

ALMANACS FOR 1889 of the following kinds, viz: Sword's Pocket, Church, Family Christian, Farmer's, Housekeeper's, Virginia, German, Catholic, Water Cure, and Phenological. For sale by the dozen, or single copy. JAS. ENTWISLE & SON, No. 95, King street, dec 29

NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS.—Bills for the quarter ending December 15th, are now ready for delivery. On all bills paid in five days after presentation, a discount of five per cent will be allowed. J. ROXBURY, Supt. dec 29—60t

JUST RECEIVED, per Express, another lot of Douglas & Sherwood's Patent Steel Extension Hooped Skirts. C. C. BERRY'S, 72, King-st. dec 29

10 BBLs new crop New Orleans Molasses 7 bbls. Sugar, just received, and for sale by PERRY & PENNYBACKER. dec 29

LINSEED OIL.—A full supply, just received and for sale by H. COOK & CO., dec 29

250 TONS Blue Windsor Plaster, for sale by PERRY & PENNYBACKER. dec 29

20 FIRKINS LARD AND BUTTER, in store and for sale by PERRY & PENNYBACKER. dec 28

SALT.—500 sacks G. A. SALT, received and for sale by T. A. BREWIS & CO. dec 28—20t

TWO COOKS AND TWO WASHERWOMEN wanted immediately. Apply to dec 28—20t MRS. M. V. MADDOX.

POTATOES.—800 bush. Northern Potatoes, for Table use, for sale by WHEAT & BRO. dec 18

1200 LBS. FRESH GOSHEN, GLADES and ROLL BUTTER, received and for sale by [dec 16] DAVY & HARMON.

Wool purchased by JOEL RIDGELY, HAMPTON & CO. dec 24

An Eventful Career.

Wellington Greville Gurnsey alias Wellington Hudson Gurnsey, now waiting his trial for stealing from the library of the Colonial Office, a copy of the Ionian despatch, is by no means an ordinary individual.

He began life as a boy-boy to Roger, the well known Dublin music seller. He afterwards commenced, and failed in business on his own account. Coming to London he took up his residence in the classic regions of Subo, supporting himself by contributions to the press and the management of concerts. He composed, too, some of the most popular of the "Nigger" songs. He then became manager of the Patagonian, in Leicester-square, and continued in that capacity until he was gaoled a quarter-master in the Crimean Transport Corps. Having speedily mastered the Turkish language, he was transferred to the Turkish Contingent, being appointed Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master-General, and afterwards Provost Marshal. His rencontre in the churchyard of Kerib, when he displayed some excellent revolver practice upon some Turks who were pillaging, will still be in the memory of our readers. The next public appearance was in a rifle match at Paris, when he thoroughly beat the first marksman of the whole French army. He then upon challenged the world as a rifle shot, but was left "all alone in his glory." He now undertook to hand over to one of the South American Republics a thousand of the desperadoes of our foreign legation. After performing this dangerous service, he was commissioned to take some forts in South America. He is now in England to purchase gunpowder and coal, for no believe, the Brazilian Government. The self-taught master of seven or eight different languages, the composer of our most popular negro melodies, one of the first marksmen of Europe, is, we regret to say, supposed to be the cause of the mysterious publication of the Ionian despatch. "The more's the pity" that one of so much natural and varied ability should be in gaol on the charge of theft. —New Castle (Eng.) Guardian

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—The force employed on the Post Office extension resumed labor on Tuesday after an intermission of about two weeks. The Secretary of War has concluded to continue the work, although the appropriation has been exhausted, in order that the hands may not be thrown out of employment.

It is thought "on the Avenue" that the Hon. Samuel Bland, one of the United States Judges for Nebraska, and that is his present position with that Territory, and that his present position will be filled by a prominent citizen of Georgia, whose friends are pressing him for it.—Star of Yesterday (Alex.)

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.—BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Flour is dull; Howard street and Ohio \$5.05. Wheat is steady; white 135¢/150¢; red 115¢/135¢. Corn is in demand; sales of 10,000 bush; yellow 70¢/74¢. Provisions are steady. Whiskey is dull at 24¢/26¢.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Flour is dull; State \$4.25/4.40; Ohio \$3.35/3.50; Southern \$5.00/5.40. Wheat is firm; Southern red 125¢; white 127¢/130¢. Corn is heavy; mixed 74¢/77¢. Pork is dull; old mess 17.25/17.50; lard is quiet at 11¢/11½¢. Whiskey is dull at 24¢/25¢. Stocks are irregular. Mr. G's 90; Sterling Exchange firm, with a fair business at 109½.

IMPORTATIONS AT NEW YORK.—The importations of Dry Goods at this port last week amounted to \$381,632, against \$344,518 for the corresponding week of last year, in both cases a heavy falling off compared with the corresponding week of 1887, when the total value of the same description of goods imported were valued at \$428,554.

The vast decline in the aggregate of our foreign trade during the year, as compared with the two years preceding the great panic, is strikingly visible in the following comparison: 1886, Dry Goods and general merchandise, \$2,000,000; 1887, \$2,000,000; 1888, \$1,000,000.

Among the items in the importations of last week we notice some \$300,000 worth of iron, nearly \$80,000 of tin, \$74,250 of cigars; coffee, \$246,000; needles, \$107,400; \$2,658; gin, \$20,641; brandy, \$33,622; champagne, \$8,374; toys, \$57,540; sugar, \$1,000; jewelry, \$1,029; nuts, \$14.

The luxuries on the list bear no considerable proportion to the purchases of previous seasons—while even the necessities are cut down to a figure which shows to what an extent the importers have taken in sail during the twelve months.—N. Y. Express.

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By Yesterday Evening's Mail.

VIRGINIA FINANCES.—In a personal interview which we had yesterday with the First Auditor, we were much gratified at the relation of facts which show an easy and substantial condition of the finances of Virginia. The last Legislature passed an act postponing the payment of the taxes into the treasury by which three-fourths were payable on the 15th of December, and the remaining one-fourth will be payable on the first day of February next, and allowing an additional time of six months for payment from the time the Commissioners' books were delivered to the Collectors. Under the operation of this act, with less than three-fourths of the taxes being payable, the First Auditor has paid the entire indebtedness payable by the State, on the first proximo, at London, New York, and at the public treasury at Richmond. He has also paid the expiation tax and interest set apart to the literary fund, and on per cent, sinking fund, and public debt, and has thus managed to maintain to satisfy the ordinary charges of government upon the treasury. Besides this, with a vigorous effort, the First Auditor has collected of arrears of taxes due to the State, and with other means at command, a sufficient amount to retire \$315,000 of the one year treasury notes, which had been issued to meet the temporary charges upon the treasury.

It is also gratifying to learn that all balances to public boards of the State have been entirely paid off, and that the only balance due to the State consists of the treasury and public debt, amounting to about \$9,000,000. The one-fourth of the taxes of the present year, yet to be paid, will be sufficient, above the ordinary charges, to reduce this outstanding debt, about one six hundred thousand dollars, at any time after the first of February, leaving only two or three hundred thousand dollars to be paid by next year's taxes, after which (as the present rate of taxes produces about \$5,000,000 surplus above the interest and sinking fund upon the public debt and ordinary charges in support of government,) our taxes may be reduced.

Again, with a fund of \$700,000 of money, accumulated under the control of the commissioners of the sinking fund, applicable to the redemption of the public debt and investment during the present fiscal year, the Board of the Sinking Fund, who are obliged to invest, will be enabled to purchase an important portion of the stock market, at Wall Street, and bears may content themselves with the present supply of Virginia bonds. Such being the condition of affairs, we may safely conclude, that with prudent management of the finances of the State, and taking into account the fact that some of the most important railroads are now finished and productive, in future the Virginia supply will never exceed the Virginia demand for her bonds.—Rich. Eng.

RICHMOND ITEMS.—A man named William Camp, a saddler by trade, was fatally stabbed, on Christmas Eve, near 18th and Gary streets. Camp was found, on the side walk, with a fatal knife wound in the groin, and was carried off to receive medical attendance, but the nature of the wound was such that death was inevitable, and, in about four hours after being stabbed, and in a few days after, he was carried off, and a good friend, W. H. Harris has been arrested charged with feloniously stabbing Camp.

Several fights took place during Saturday. Joe Stanley, employed by the Adams Express Company, was standing near the corner of 10th and Main streets, conversing with a gentleman when a stranger approached and struck him in the face with a pistol. Stanley picked up a brick and threw it at the individual, who had the pistol in his hand. The brick struck the pistol and caused it to explode, inflicting a severe wound in the leg of the person who had made the attack upon Stanley. Subsequently, three or four of the friends of the person who received the wound got upon Board, a driver for the Express Company, and gave him a terrible beating.

The down train on the Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, on Sunday morning, ran over a cow, about 35 miles from Richmond, and the rear car was thrown off, but the breaking of the coupling saved the remainder of the train. Several persons, however, were seriously injured. Mr. Littlefield, from New York, seemed to be very badly hurt internally. Mr. Dymon, from Missouri, received severe injuries on the head. A brakeman (colored) was also severely hurt, and others received injuries to a greater or less extent.

An old negro woman was severely burned last Friday night, by her clothes taking fire while she was asleep.

A prize fight took place on Saturday, between a Richmonder and a Baltimorean, in which the latter was severely bruised and damaged about the face.

On Sunday afternoon, a party of young men found the body of a newborn babe, in a ravine near Hollywood Cemetery.

A letter from King William county, Va., says a singular disease has recently broken out among the poultry in that section. In some respects it resembles the mysterious black tongue; but is rather more sudden and fatal in its effects.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock Saturday night the beautiful cottage residence of Wm. L. F. ten Williams, esq., situated about one mile from the southern suburbs of Petersburg, was destroyed by fire.

Mr. Garrett G. Gough has received the appointment of Mail Agent on the Virginia Central Railroad, in the place of Robert B. Moody, resigned.

Col. T. P. August, of Richmond, in a note to the Examiner, contradicts the rumor that he intended to be a candidate for Congress in opposition to Judge Calkins.

ONE THOUSAND PILES WANTED.—The undersigned will receive proposals for furnishing the Piles for the construction of the Coal Wharves between Oronoco and Pendleton streets. Said Piles to be of Oak, Pine, or Gum, 20 to 30 feet long, to be not less than 12 inches square—one-fourth of the length from the butt, and not less than 7 inches diameter at foot. Also, for several hundred thousand feet of square timber of White Oak, Pine, and Gum. THOMAS SMITH, Chairman, dec 24—40t of Building Committee.

NOTICE.—We respectfully announce to all persons having open accounts on our books, without discrimination, that their bills are made off, and are ready for delivery. Those who prefer not to have their bills sent to them will find them by calling at our desk up to the 23d, after this date they will be distributed as usual.

It is hoped that our customers will favor us with a general and speedy liquidation of the same. CLOAGETT & DUDSON, Washington, dec 20—40t

SERVANTS FOR HIRE.—The subscriber has for Hire a number of likely SERVANTS, Men, Women, Boys, and Girls, among them an excellent Gardener, and several excellent House Servants, who can be seen there by applying to E. H. Hill, Fairfax County, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week. VIRGINIA SCOTT, dec 28—40t

BARRELS PRIME NEW CROP N. O. MOLASSES just received and for sale by J. H. McVEIGH & SON, dec 25

10 BARRELS CRAB CIDER, 20 twenty bbls superior CRAB CIDER, in store, and for sale by STEPHEN SHINN, dec 25

WOOL purchased by DANIEL F. HOPE, dec 25

LOCAL ITEMS.

EXAMINATION.—Caroline Chichester, and Martha Daniels, white persons, and Medora Wheeler, colored, were examined before the Mayor, yesterday morning, on the charge of stealing a quantity of clothing from the house of Mrs. Douglas, on Wednesday night, the property of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Douglas.—Caroline Chichester made a statement to the effect, that, on Wednesday night, Martha Daniels came in the house where she was, and said that there were some dresses, &c., in an out-house, and asked her to go and bring them in, which she did. They then put them in a sack, and with Medora Wheeler, walked to Washington, where they stayed at the house of a colored man named Carter, until the next morning, when they disposed of all the clothing, except a ladies' cloak, which they burnt, being unable to sell, and fearing to keep it, lest they should be detected. They returned to this city, on Thursday evening, and were arrested on Friday morning. All of them were committed to jail, to answer a bill of indictment by the grand jury, at the next term of the County Court.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.—Samuel J. McCormick, Auctioneer, sold yesterday, at Public Auction, a house and lot, fronting on Queen street, 50 feet, and running back 169 feet—but in by S. F. Beach at \$100.

The farm of Dr. R. B. Alexander, in Alexandria county, was divided and sold in parcels, as follows: The Factory lot, comprising 2½ acres, with buildings thereon, sold to James Roach, for \$800.

9½ acres of land, to same, at \$31 per acre. 7½ acres of land, to same, at \$27.75 per acre. 7½ acres of land, to same, at \$25.25 per acre.

WILD FOWL.—The "Duckers" report that there have been within the last month fewer wild fowl, such as canvas backs, red necks, and shufflers, on the Potomac, than usual.—Indeed, their business has amounted to almost nothing. On the lower Potomac, below the Narrows, there are, however, numbers of Swans and Wild Geese.

OYSTERS.—The supply of Oysters for the last week or two, has been very limited—but few vessels from the Oyster beds having come up—from what cause, is not known.—Several loads of prime oysters would now meet with ready sales, and command good prices.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, attached to Christ Church, had an interesting celebration on Christmas Eve. A large number of children were present, with many visitors. Appropriate addresses were delivered, and the Scholars all received "Christmas Gifts."

MASONIC SUPPER.—The Free-Masons of this city celebrated the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, with a sumptuous supper, at Tennesson's Restaurant, on Monday night. We learn that everything passed off in the most agreeable manner.

THE WHEAT.—We are informed that the growing Wheat in all this section, is at this time, looking generally very well—uncommonly so. This is no "sign," however, of what it will be in "harvest time."

CONCERT.—Mr. Foertsch, assisted by Mrs. Young, Mr. Dawson and Professor Soige, will give their promised entertainment at Sarepta Hall, to-morrow night. The musical powers of Mr. Foertsch and the lady and gentlemen who are to assist him, are too well known to require notice from us, and we are sure that the Concert will prove most acceptable. Let all the lovers of good music go.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—The "senior" acknowledges the receipt of several kind remembrances from friends, in town and country, before and since Christmas. He is grateful for such manifestations of good feeling.

ALEXANDRIA BREWERY.—Martin & Godney continue to manufacture at their Brewery, upper end of King street, superior Ale and Beer. It is approved highly by those who use malt liquors.

By EXPRESS.—We are indebted to Mr. Falls, of the Express Line, for early copies of the New York papers.

Patrick Doyle and Frank Levey, charged with stealing a watch from John Schwab, had a further examination before the Mayor yesterday afternoon, and were admitted to bail in the sum of \$200 each, to appear at the next term of the County Court, to answer a bill of indictment for larceny.

CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON.—The Police returns disclose a lamentable amount of drunkenness on Christmas Day, especially among young lads. There were one hundred and two cases, all but two or three for drunkenness, fighting, &c. Of these, one was a boy of 11 years, 2 cases were boys of 14 years, 4 cases, were boys of 15 years, 26 were boys from 16 to 20 years, and in all there were 21 years and under, 44 cases, or nearly one half. These figures speak for themselves, and show the necessity of a thorough reformation in the habits of these incontinent rowdies.—Union.

NAVAL.—The steamer Dispatch, from Norfolk, has arrived at the Washington Navy Yard, for the purpose of towing the ship of war Plymouth to the Norfolk Navy Yard, where she will undergo a thorough repairing before she again goes into commission.

LOST.—On Christmas morning, on Duke street, between Washington street and Hook's Run, a Ladies' Gold Headed RING WHIP. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to this office. dec 28—3t

5 BLS. BARCLAY & PERKINS' London Brown Stout, and 5 barrels Sparkling Edinburgh Ale, just received, and for sale by MARSHALL & WARD, dec 25

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN PICKLES, Catsups and Sauces, in store, and for sale by JOHN A. DIXON, Family Grocer, dec 25

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BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 28.—On Sunday a young African was caught on Jopki Island by the U. S. officials, and brought to this city, but since then he has managed to make his escape, and the officials are using every exertion to retake him, thus far without success. While, however, the officials are thus bothered about one, scores are being transported by railroads and steamboats throughout the South.

The Marshal is here, and his resignation has been requested, but he refuses to resign. He will probably be removed from his office, although it is generally thought that his conduct in the matter will stand the test of a legal examination.

CONCERT.

MR. FOERTSCH Takes pleasure in announcing that he has secured the services of those eminent VOCALISTS, Mrs. CELIA YOUNG and Mr. J. B. DAWSON.

In connection with that Firm of Violinists, Professor FERDINAND M. SOUGE, and will give a CONCERT.

AT SAREPTA HALL, ON THURSDAY NIGHT NEXT, 30th inst. To those who are familiar with the abilities of the above named performers, it would be superfluous to say anything in commendation of their musical powers, but as they are not so generally known in our community, we will say that he hopes to present at such a bill, as is rarely given to an Alexandria audience.

Tickets fifty cents, which may be had at George E. French's Book Store, J. H. Parrott's Music Store, and H